

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 – FDEP Grant Agreement No. 19IR2 (Indian River County Hurricane Irma Recovery Project (Sector 7 Beach and Dune Restoration))

DATE: October 6, 2021

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) received FY 2018/2019 funding to assist eligible governmental entities for beach erosion control activities under the Florida Beach Management Funding Assistance Program. On July 22, 2019, FDEP entered into Local Government Funding Request (LGFR) Grant Agreement No. 19IR2 with Indian River County; committing up to \$307,538.00 for design and permit-required construction related activities for the Sector 7 Beach and Dune Restoration Project.

On September 29, 2021, in response to a request from the County to FDEP for an extension to the Task End Dates identified in the original agreement, FDEP issued Amendment No. 1 to Grant 19IR2. Amendment No. 1 maintains the same funding levels, but extends the Task Deliverable Due Dates through to September 30, 2023, with the amended grant agreement reflecting a twenty-five (25) month extension. The extension request by the County was necessary due to the Sector 7 Beach and Dune Restoration Project being delayed on two occasions (construction postponed in the 2020/2021 season and once again postponed in the 2021/2022 construction season) due to lack of stakeholder support in the form of executed easement agreements allowing for the placement of sand in accordance with design and permit constraints. Construction for the Sector 7 project is now targeted to take place in the 2022/2023 construction season should the County receive adequate easement agreements within the project area to determine the project as constructible. The FDEP granted extension will allow time for this project to complete and required deliverables submitted should construction take place in the 2022/2023 construction window.

The attached amendment maintains FDEP’s commitment of up to \$307,538.00 in funding to the County for design and construction related expenses for the County’s Sector 7 Beach and Dune Restoration Project. Breakdown of funding is outlined in the below table.

Task #	Eligible Project Task	DEP Cost Share (%)	DEP Cost Share	Local Cost Share	Total	Deliverable Due Date
1	Monitoring	100.00%	\$ 16,613.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,613.00	09/30/2023
2	Design	100.00%	\$ 290,925.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 290,925.00	09/30/2023
Total			\$ 307,538.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 307,538.00	

FUNDING

Funding for construction related activities for the Sector 7 Beach and Dune Restoration Project will be programmed into the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve FDEP Amendment No. 1 to FDEP LGFR Grant Agreement No. 19IR2 for up to \$307,538.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County. Following Board approval, the County will transmit the partially executed Amendment to the State for final signatures. Upon receipt of the fully executed FDEP Grant Agreement 19IR2 Amendment No. 1 from the State, staff will transmit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for filing.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amendment No. 1 to FDEP Grant Agreement 19IR2

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: October 19, 2021